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Hon. Michael Kubayanda Chairman
Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Avenue NW,
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Washington, DC 20268-0001

Re: Docket number: MC2021-78
April 28, 2021

Dear Chairman Kubayanda,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the impact of moving bound printed matter parcels from the Market Dominant to the Competitive Product category. I know this will substantially increase the rates for flyers and books that are mailed to schools. I teach reading intervention in the Elmbrook School District, Elm Grove, WI and there is no doubt that the additional costs will ultimately be passed on to those purchasing books—teachers trying to fill their classrooms, students and their families. There are already too many barriers to helping our students to turn into lifelong readers. I depend on access to affordable books, which the bound printed matter rates provide, to help me close the gap for my lower level students.

As a Scholastic Book Clubs partner, I am able to earn and use Bonus Points to build a classroom library of books for my students. I also use low-cost but high-quality books as rewards in my class for children to support reading over the summer. These books, both in the classroom and at home, continue to inspire a love of reading in my students, which has a positive impact on their success in all areas of life. The pandemic has already had a negative consequence on my students' learning experience and literacy rates in the United States. The increase in mailing costs of educational materials will make access to children's literature even more difficult. **I urge you to deny this transfer, or to exempt educational materials, so that I can continue to provide access to affordable, quality books for my students and families.** The impact of this change for our school children would be too high a cost to bear.

Sincerely,


Susan Liberman

CC: Hon. Carolyn B. Maloney
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